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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 25, 2000

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC000001

For Exemption from Providing
Physical Collocation

ORDER

Pursuant to our Order of February 15, 2000, in this case,¹ GTE South Incorporated ("GTE" or "the Company") filed on March 16, 2000, a Supplement to Request for Exemption from Physical Collocation at six central offices.²

On April 12, 2000, GTE filed for withdrawal of its request for exemption from physical collocation at the Dale City office. GTE states that space will be available for collocation in the Dale City Office within 120 days of the filing.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered this matter, is of the opinion and finds that GTE's withdrawal of request for exemption for the Dale City office should be accepted; that

¹ On December 22, 1999, GTE initially filed floor plans and related documents. The Commission's February 15, 2000, Order required GTE to supplement that filing to comply with procedural rules adopted in Case No. PUC960164 if it was requesting exemption from physical collocation pursuant to § 251(C)(6) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

² Arcola, Dale City, Dulles, Great Bridge, Lorton, and Ships Corner. Great Bridge, part of the December 22, 2000, filing, was not included in the supplemental filing. Hickory, not part of the December 22, 2000, filing, was included in the supplemental filing.

interested parties should have the opportunity to file comments on the remaining requests as supplemented; and that the Commission's Staff should investigate the requests for exemption and file a report. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) GTE's withdrawal of its requested exemption for the Dale City central office is accepted.

(2) On or before May 18, 2000, interested parties may file comments in response to the supplemented exemption requests by GTE for its Arcola, Dulles, Hickory, Lorton, and Ships Corner central offices.

(3) The Commission Staff shall investigate GTE's exemption requested for its Arcola, Dulles, Hickory, Lorton, and Ships Corner central offices and file a report on or before June 8, 2000.

(4) GTE shall respond to interrogatories and data requests within ten (10) days of service. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.